9th MDG excels during inspection

By 2nd Lt Ashley Peltier 9th RW Public Affairs

The 9th Medical Group completed two health inspections; the Health Services Inspection, and the Accreditation Association of Ambulatory Health Care during the week of Sept. 25th.

Both inspections looked at the entire medical group, including over 580 performance elements and their sub-areas.

"We have been preparing for the inspection for over a year," said Col. Cassandra Salvatore, 9th Medical Group commander. "The personnel in Medical Operations Squadron, Medical Support Squadron, and Physiological Support Squadron have been working diligently so they could 'wow' the inspectors, and they did!"

The HSI is a military inspection that ensures medical groups are performing quality care and are following Air Force Instructions.

The 9th Medical Group's overall rating was an "Excellent."

The HSI team recognized four outstanding performers: Capt. Cherie Smith, Master Sgt.

Denise Desuacido, Tech. Sgt. Amelia Newton-Ingram and Tech. Sgt. Saul Smith.

The team also mentioned that the 9th Medical Group had the best morale of any medical group that they had seen to date.

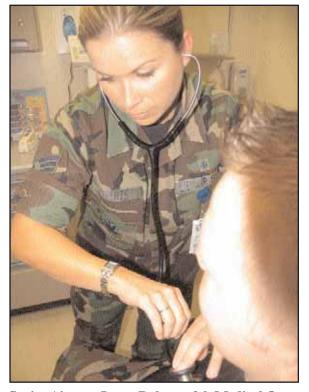
The medical group will not know the official result from the AAAHC for 45 days, but Colonel Salvatore expects it to be very positive.

She said that the AAAHC team praised the group's Life Skills Flight, and the HSI inspector confirmed it was the best he had seen in 18 months of inspecting military facilities.

While the inspections were very successful, Colonel Salvatore commented that there are always ways to improve. "The improvement process needs to be continuous," she said.

She added that the medical group will continue self-inspection efforts so that preparation for the next evaluation will be seamless.

Overall, the results show that the 9th Medical Group continues to take care of our Airmen and their families providing excellent health care and operational support to Team Beale, anytime, anywhere.



Senior Airman Jenna Roberts, 9th Medical Operations Squadron, checks a patient's vitals. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Robert Biermann)

AFCOMAC celebrates 20-year anniversary

By Airman 1st Class George Cloutier 9th RW Public Affairs

One of Beale's least known units in fighting the Global War on Terror is celebrating its 20th anniversary today.

The 9th munitions squadron, or the Air Force Combat Ammunition Center, has consistently provided the Air Force with the finest training for ammo troops for two decades, teaching Airmen the skills they need to take the fight to the enemy.

AFCOMAC is a mandatory course for those in the munitions career field who are training for their seven and nine-level status.

"When you look back at the history,

AFCOMAC was started because of the draw back that happened after the Vietnam War, because there weren't as many people putting bombs together in a combat setting," said Maj. Jeffrey Stremmel, AFCOMAC commander. "Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez put together an action team to look at this, and the team came back to him with the idea for AFCOMAC."

One of the major faults the action team found with the training munitions troops were receiving was the fact that there was little to no realistic training taking place, according to Major Stremmel.

"General Marquez then told his team to build the bombs for real, and they found out they lacked that vital skill," said Chief Master Sgt. Partrick Adams, AFCOMAC munitions superintendent. "The bottom line is that they were not able to build the bombs as they would need to in a real combat setting."

After it was realized that ammo troops lacked such critical skills, AFCOMAC was set up to give troops the realistic training they would need to perform in a real wartime scenario.

"This program was originally introduced to the Air Force in 1986, when it was at the Sierra Army Detachment in Herlong, Calif.," said Senior Master Sgt. David Nixon, AFCOMAC munitions flight chief.

While much has changed in the munitions world over the years, the core facets of the training program

have remained intact.

"From the outside, you might not think the program has changed all that much," Chief Adams said. "If you just measured the number of bombs with the number of days in the exercise, if you look at it in numbers, you might think it hasn't changed at all."

Though on the outside the program may seem the same, AFCOMAC has stayed up to date with the latest munitions technology, according to Chief Adams.

"Back when I first came through, we were in the middle of the cold war and were making a lot of dumb bombs," he

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Brig. Gen. H. D. Polumbo, Jr. is the 9th Reconnaissance Wing commander at Beale. (Photo by John Schwab)

Can we Airmen count on each other?

By Lt. Col. Yolanda Jackson 9th Mission Support Group deputy commander

Some of you may remember the popular rhythm and blues song by Whitney Houston that touted the magical phrase "Count on Me."

It was essentially the theme song for a myriad of organizations in the late 90s because they could identify with depending on plain, ordinary people to do their part in a project or on the job to achieve mission success. And at the end of the project we all ultimately wait to hear those gratifying words from a superior or friend "... job well done."

The lyrics of the Houston song are, "Count on me through thick and thin. When you are weak I will be strong, helping you to carry on. Call on me, I will be there, count on me."

The lyrics almost sound like an Airman, Marine, Soldier, or Sailor's pledge to one another.

The words evoke so many thoughts from cozy feelings to even the deathdefying dependability of the armed forces.

Even the presidential candidates say, "Count on me, I can to get the job

Dependability and reliability are key

to our Air Force's ability to continue to win the fight, whether it is on the homeland or a foreign land.

We need steadfast, confident and fit personnel to ensure the world's greatest Air Force stays on top.

It is very clear that we, the Air Force, have to be "fit-to-fight" because our teammates depend on us for suc-

After all, "fitness is about our preparedness to deploy and fight. It is about instilling an expectation that makes fitness a daily standard -- an essential part of your service."

For many years my sister and I have teased each other about fitness in the Army versus the Air Force. Her perpetual teasing was always, "the Army does more before nine o'clock than the Air Force does in a whole day." My response has always been "the Army does more exercising before nine o'clock than we do."

Now the vast majority of us are out there pounding out miles, doing crunches, and pressing out push-ups in a regimented manner almost like the

Things have most certainly changed but not solely because of fitness, they've changed because of our deployment posture.

Without a doubt, our ability to sup-

port and maintain the mission abroad depends on our physical and mental condition.

The questions are, "Are you ready?" and "Can you be counted on?" Of course, we would all like to boast a resounding yes, yes, yes, but the truth is some of us are not ready.

Whereas, many of us can and have passed the fitness test, we still may not be ready.

The fitness program has basically opened the proverbial Pandora's box, which has inherently caused more folks to show up at the Fitness Center ready to improve themselves or be asked to leave our Air Force.

All in all, deployed units, Air Expeditionary Wings and Professional Military Education are embracing the Fit to Fight program.

The new avant-garde now pushes fitness as a key element of the combat environment.

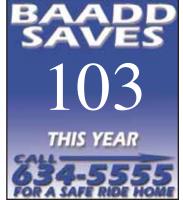
Just as Whitney's lyrics said, "Count on me through thick and thin," our leaders expect no less from our troops.

Simply put, we can do this.

Bottom line: We should all strive to be the warrior that can be counted on by our fellow warriors to be "Fit-to-Fight."

You can count on me. Can I count on you?

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said. "Seeing it again I'm just amazed at how this school has managed to help stay in touch with the Air Force munitions mission."

"One of the ways the school has managed to stay in touch with the Air Force mission is by the emphasis the course now puts on smart munitions," Major Stremmel said. "As the years have gone by, we've developed more varieties of smart weapons."

When the school made the jump to smart munitions, other facets of the course changed as well.

"One of the major changes we made in the late 90s was doubling the number of students that made precision guided munitions," the chief said. "We were trying to get 60 to 70 percent of our munitions to precision guided munitions. When we made that change, we doubled the amount of people we were putting through the course. Our classes now have 70 Airmen each."

Since then, AFCOMAC students have used the knowledge they obtain from the course to rain fire on the enemy, according to the major.

"I know we've provided realistic training to the career field supporting combat operations," Major Stremmel said. "When Al-Zarqawi was taken out in June, it was done with two 500-pound bombs. The professionals who put those bombs together came through this school."

Students and instructors of the school have also contributed in other ways over the years as the war on terror has raged on.

"When Desert Storm started, the school was closed down, and they sent AFCOMAC down range to build bombs and run operations," Chief Adams said. "Some guys went to the Pentagon Air Operations Center. Some went to Air Force Central Command Air Operations Center. When Operation Iraqi Freedom kicked off, the whole unit shut down and forward deployed."

Throughout the Global War on Terror and even before, the AFCO-MAC mission has been and will remain a critical asset to the Air Force.

"We've made huge contributions throughout the years," Chief Adams said.

The Air Force can be proud knowing that Beale's Ammo Warriors are on the job.



Commanders' spouses' tour

Nancy Roberts, Airmen and Family Readiness Center director, briefs commanders and their spouses on various deployment support and Airmen and Family Readiness Center programs during the Commander and Spouse conference Monday at various Team Beale locations. (Photo by John Schwab)

90s Club

The following individuals scored a 90 percent or better on their end-of-course exam.

Staff Sgt. Andrew Dibetta - 93
Staff Sgt. Anthony Olsen - 92
Staff Sgt. Matthew Miller - 91
Staff Sgt. Eric Harris - 91



MIFIRRIOR SPOTLIGHT Senior Airman Serene Ramos

<u>Unit:</u> 9th Munitions Squadron <u>Job:</u> Munitions systems craftsman <u>Hometown</u> Elk Grove, Calif. <u>Air Force goals:</u> To make the next rank

Time in the Air Force: Four years,

one month

Hobbies: Read, shop and eat
The thing I like best about Beale

AFB: The people I have met and being close to family





October 6, 2006

Oct. 1 effective date for Air Force uniform changes

WASHINGTON — There will be noticeable changes with the Air Force uniform Oct. 1, Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley said.

Three changes include doing away with enlisted shoulder board ranks and introducing a new physical training uniform and an insignia change.

The Air Force introduced shoulder board rank, originally called shoulder mark insignia, for senior NCOs in 1982. At the time, the Air Force said that was a way to bring added recognition to the top three enlisted ranks. Senior NCOs may now only wear shoulder boards on the blue sweater.

Chief McKinley said many senior enlisted leaders agree NCOs should wear chevrons.

"We are excited for our enlisted force to return to our heritage of wearing our stripes on our sleeves," the chief said. "Now every Airman should be proud to wear their rank on their sleeve."

Airmen will now also have physical training gear to wear when taking part in group physical training events or annual fitness tests. The chief said Airmen must have their gear ready on Oct. 1.

"You should have a full compliment of PT gear," Chief McKinley said. "This uniform gives us distinction as Airmen as we increased our fitness and readiness."

The insignia change takes place Jan. 1. The U.S. insignia in a circle will be mandatory wear that day on the blue jacket enlisted the traditional insignia — with the circle — Airmen wore from 1918 through the early



members wear. The change reverts back to The Air Force effected some uniform changes Oct. 1, and all Airmen must now have their physical training uniforms like these on the rack at a military clothing sales store available that day. (U.S. Air Force photo)

President praises troops on front lines of terror war

By Donna Miles American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON— There's no doubt of victory in the terror war — not just because the United States is committed to seeing it through, but also because of the quality of the troops carrying it out, President George W. Bush told the Reserve Officers Association here Sept. 29.

"We can have confidence in the outcome of the war on terror, because our nation is determined," the president said. "We've done this kind of hard work before, and we have succeeded."

President Bush offered special recognition to servicemembers on the front lines of that effort.

"We can be confident because we've got incredible men and women who wear our nation's uniform," he said. "I am constantly amazed at the incredible courage that our fellow citizens who wear the uniform show on a regular ba-

The president held up two prime examples of that courage, demonstrated by two Navy SEALs killed in Afghanistan in June 2005.

Petty Officers 2nd Class Matthew G. Axelson and Danny P. Dietz were part of a SEAL team operating deep in the mountains of Afghanistan on a mission to kill or capture a Taliban leader.

Shortly after they were discovered, they found themselves surrounded in a mountain ravine by 30 to 40 Taliban fighters.

"During the firefight that ensued, Axelson urged an injured teammate to escape, and he provided cover before suffering a mortal wound," Bush told the group. "Fighting nearby, his partner Deetz was also mortally wounded, but he too stood his ground and kept firing until ... he finally died."

The president praised the two as

"Because of the courage of Petty Officers Axelson and Deetz, their wounded teammate made it out alive," he said.

During a ceremony earlier this month in which the two sailors posthumously received the Navy

Cross, Deetz's wife spoke of her husband and his comrades in arms, Bush told the group.

"She said, 'Danny and his brothers went toward evil and ran forward and gave their last breath," Bush

Petty Officers Axelson and Deetz demonstrated the mettle of the U.S. armed forces, the president said. "We live in freedom because of the courage of men like Matthew and Danny," he said. "And we will honor their sacrifice by completing this mission."

The United States and its allies and partners around the world are engaged in a struggle against violent extremists that "will help determine the destiny of the civilized world,"

"We've borne these responsibilities before, and we have seen our faith in freedom vindicated by history," he said. "In this young century, a new generation of Americans is being called to defend liberty. And once again, the cause of liberty and peace will prevail."

During today's remarks, Bush

paid tribute to those in the audience who serve in the military, including patients from Walter Reed Army Medical Center, in Washington, and the National Naval Medical Center, in Bethesda, Md. "I thank you for your sacrifice," he told them.

Bush also expressed thanks to the medical professionals from the two hospitals for helping troops wounded in combat recover from their

"It gives me great comfort to be able to tell the loved ones of those who wear our uniform that, 'If you get hurt, you will receive first class, compassionate care from the United States military," he said. "And so, to the healers who are here, thank you for doing your duty and providing these brave folks the help they need to recover."

"I thank you for your sacrifice." President George Bush

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Community Briefs

Deadline for submissions

The deadline for submissions to the High Flyer is Friday the week prior to the desired publication date. Submissions are printed on a space available basis.

Submissions after the deadline will not be published until the following week. News briefs will run for no more than three consecutive weeks.

For questions or more information, call 634-8887.

Commissary holiday hours

The Beale Commissary will be closed Tuesday in observance of Columbus Day.

For more information, call the commissary at 634-2422.

Separating Airmen

Thinking of leaving the Air Force? The key to transition success is knowledge of available services and a firm understanding of how to use them. During preseparation counseling, Airmen will learn about their benefits and rights, as well as available services.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 634-2863.

OB Orientation

Obstetrics Orientation is a class

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for all expectant parents and is held the first Thursday of every month from 5-7 p.m. in the clinic conference room at the base clinic.

Open to all ranks, this class will provide information and resources pertaining to prenatal care, first, second and third trimester, healthy eating tips and how to have a happy, healthy pregnancy.

For more information or to register, call Roberta Trumm at 634-0626.

Credit class

A credit class is scheduled for Thursday, from 2 to 4 p.m. Students can review a credit report with a certified credit report reviewer and learn how to improve credit and correct errors in a credit report.

This interactive computer training is located in the computer room of the Education Center. Attendees are asked to bring the most recent Leave and Earning Statement, all their bills and a current bank statement.

For more information or to reserve a space, call 634-2863.

Bundles for Babies

Bundles for babies is scheduled for Oct. 18 from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Any active duty Air Force and family members about to have a baby are invited to attend. Instruction includes tips on prenatal care, what to expect when expecting, financial changes and planning, avoiding scams that target new parents and coping with stresses of new parenthood.

For more information or to register, call 634-2863.

Yuba road closures

Simpson Lane is scheduled to close Monday for 10 days. Hampton-Smartsville Road will close after Simpson Lane is reopened and is scheduled to be closed for two weeks. McGanney Road is now closed indefinitely.

Volunteer of the Quarter

The Volunteer of the Quarter award has been established to recognize Beale personnel for their volunteer service and to enhance their visibility throughout the base.

The award consists of four categories: military, civilian, community and youth volunteer. All military, federal civilians, family members and retirees are eligible to be submitted for the award.

Awards should be submitted on an Air Force Form 1206, Nomination for award, in an original and four copies. Nominations should be limited to five to 10 bullet statements highlighting the volunteer's most significant accomplishments within the July to September quarter. All packages are due to the Airmen and Family Readiness Center by Oct. 5.

For more information, call Elizabeth Kim at 634-2863.

Employment Opportunities at the Beale Chapel

The Beale Chapel is hiring for the following positions: 9 a.m. praise service musician, 10:30 a.m. Catholic Mass musician and a 5 p.m. Catholic Mass musician.

For more information, call Senior Airman Brian Ramirez at 634-4701 or Staff Sgt. Joseph Cook at 634-2472.

Hispanic Heritage Month events

A Hispanic Heritage luncheon is scheduled for Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Recce Point Club.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Alicia Hatch at 634-0830, Debbie Perkinson at 634-2647 or Angella Veve at 634-2942.

Stress management

The Mastery of Anxiety and Stress class is held the first Thursday of every month from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Health and Wellness Center.

This class offers a broad range of relaxation techniques designed to help effectively combat the stress and strains of everyday life. For more information, call 634-3500.

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Relaxation room

Unwind in the Health and Wellness Center's ergonomic massage chair.

The massage chair is available on a walk-in basis throughout the week.

For more information, call the HAWC at 634-3500.or e-mail at 9 mdg/sgoaz@beale.af.mil

Tobacco cessation

The Health and Wellness Center offers a free tobacco cessation program.

This program focuses on identifying and changing the tobacco use habit of addiction in conjunction with the American Lung Association

To register of for more information, call the HAWC at 634-3500.

Youth soccer

Youth soccer games are held every Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the soccer fields behind the Youth Center.

For more information, call the Youth Center at 634-4953.

Administrative Support Flight hours

The operating hours for the 9th

Support Division's administrative support flight are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday.

Although the doors close at 4:30 p.m., customers needing assistance from Omega World Travel, TMO Passenger Travel, Personal Property counselors and identification cards are requested to arrive in time to complete their transactions prior to closing.

Customers must be aware that the sign-in lists for these services may be closed earlier than 4:30 p.m. when there is a backlog of customers waiting.

If planning a late visit it is recommended to call ahead at 634-3187.

For more information or questions, call Bill Hoerman at 634-5134.

Annual health fair

Beale's annual health fair is scheduled for Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Center.

There will be over 30 vendors, screenings for cholesterol, diabetes, blood pressure and more.

For more information, call 634-3500 or e-mail at 9 mdg/sgoaz@beale.af.mil

Enlisted dining in

The enlisted dining-in is scheduled for Oct. 27 at the Recce Point Club. The theme is "Enlisted Firsts." Social hour begins at 6 p.m. with dinner to follow. Volunteers are needed.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Dennis Schmitt at 634-8395.

Airmen professional enhancement seminar

An Airmen professional enhancement seminar is scheduled for Nov. 14 and 15.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Gavin Christiansen.

Breastfeeding support group

A free breast feeding support group is open to all women Mondays at 9:30 a.m. at the Foothills Chapel.

For more information, call Julie Mathews at 788-7660.

FTAC team leader wanted

The First Term Airmen Center is now accepting applications for a high-caliber staff sergeant to act as role model and facilitator for FTAC.

Individuals must display exemplary dress and appearance, have a fitness score of 75 or higher and epitomize the Air Force Core Values.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Jeanna Rogers at 634-3866. Applications are due no later than Oct.

Personal Property Household Goods office hours

Effective Monday, the Administrative Support Flight's TMO Personal Property Element will shift to a combined walk-in and appointment system for inbound and outbound household goods to provide better service.

For inbound shipments, the Personal Property Element does not have authority to arrange for delivery, Travis Air Force Base is the designated shipping office.

Customers needing to arrange inbound deliveries should contact Travis TMO at 707-424-8181/3189 or DSN 837-8181.

For outbound household goods needs, and local moves, call 634-2932 to set up an appointment.

For more information call 634-2932 or 634-2936.

Upcoming road work projects

The 9th Civil Engineer Squadron Horizontal Shop has begun preliminary repair of the culverts along Warren Shingle Road.

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Minimal traffic interruptions are expected on Warren Shingle Road from the east driveway of the golf course to the hospital will be closed beginning today at 5:30 p.m. until Oct. 11 at 6 a.m. Gavin Mandery will be the alternate and detour route. Access to the golf course and Recce Point club will be allowed at all times. Signs will be posted to divert traffic.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Michael Henagan, 634-2741.

Vehicle decals

As a reminder, 2006 base vehicle decals will expire Dec. 31.

To renew a registration, please provide a current proof of insurance, military identification and a valid state driver's license. Also, an outof-state vehicle may need to pass a California emissions test prior to renewal.

For more information, call Nicole Lytle at 634-3143.

9th Security Forces Squadron realignment

The 9th Security Forces Squadron is currently undergoing a major realignment into "S" functions, along with other security forces units, Air Force-wide.

As part of the realignment, the current Security Forces Administration and Reports Flight will be relocating back into the main 9th SFS building at the corner of C Street and 24th Street. Pass and Registration will still be located in the multipurpose lobby shared with MPF and Finance.

For more information, call Doug

Walter at 634-3656.

E-TAP

An E-TAP class is scheduled for October 24 to 27 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

E-TAP is a condensed version of the 5-day TAP program and is designed specifically for individuals ranks E-7 and above and officers ranks O-3 and above.

For more information, call Airmen and Family Readiness at 634-2863.

Be Your Own Boss

Learn the tools to running a personal business in a class scheduled for Oct. 31 from 9 a.m. to noon.

For more information, call Airmen and Family Readiness at 634-2863.

Fire prevention week events

In recognition of Fire Prevention Week the Beale Fire Department has scheduled the following events:

*A parade is scheduled for Saturday beginning at 10:30 a.m. and will take place throughout base housing.

*Fire prevention personnel will be hosting static displays in front of the Base Exchange Tuesday through Thursday.

*An open house is scheduled for Oct. 14 at the flightline fire station from 10 a.m. to noon. Pluggie, Smokey and Sparky will also be there.

*The fire safety house will be located outside Lone Tree Elementary School today from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, call the fire prevention office at 634-8677.



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Foothills Chapel

15001 Camp Beale Highway
(Family housing area)
Protestant "Praise" worship service
Sundays, 9 a.m.
(includes "Parents' Nursery" and
children's church)
Catholic Mass
Sundays, 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Catholic Reconciliation
Sundays, 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
Catholic daily Mass
Mondays through Fridays, 11:30 a.m.

Valley Chapel

Islamic worship
Every other Friday, 1 p.m.
Gospel Protestant worship service
Sundays, 11 a.m.
(includes children's church)

Protestant Programs: Sunday School (10:30 a.m.) at Lone Tree Elementary. AWANA on Mondays and JV-Varsity on Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m. at Foothills Chapel. Protestant Youth meets Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at the Valley Chapel and Sundays at 6:30 p.m. at Foothills Chapel.

Protestant Bible Study Groups: Men - Second & fourth Sunday, Valley, 5 p.m. and Wednesday, Valley, 7 p.m. Women - Tuesday, 9-11 a.m. Foothills (children welcome) Thursday, 6:45 to 8 p.m., Valley.

Catholic Programs: Religious Education - preschool-12, Sundays 9 a.m. at Lone Tree Elementary School. RCIA, Catholic Youth, CWOC, CMOC and Adult Bible Study call Leila at 634-4707.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers): Second & fourth Thursdays at Foothills Chapel.

Questions concerning marriages, baptisms, choirs, Navigators, and Officer Christian Fellowship can be directed to the chapel staff at 634-4701.

Beale movies

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You, Me and Dupree (PG-13)

Owen Wilson, Kate Hudson Carl and Molly Peterson are

just starting their new life together--complete with a cute house, boring neighbors, stable jobs and the routines of newlywed existence. There's just one unfortunate hitch in their perfectly constructed new world. And his name's Dupree. Randy Dupree, Carl's oldest friend and perpetual bachelor, has found himself with nowhere to go after being fired. 108 min



Saturday evening Monster House (PG)

Steve Buscemi, Nick Cannon Although no adults will be-

lieve them, three children realize a neighbor's house is really a monster. They must find a way to stop the house and save the neighborhood. 91 min

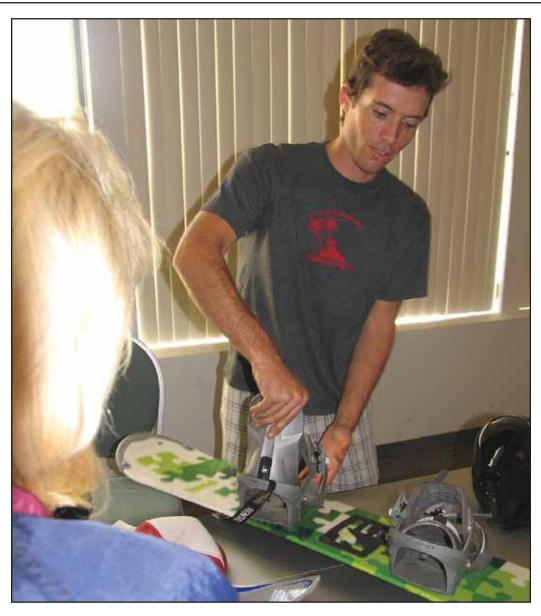


Wednesday evening Pirates of the Caribbean 2 (PG-13)

Johnny Depp, Keira Knightley Once again thrown into the world of the supernatural, Captain Jack Sparrow finds out that he owes a blood debt to the legendary Davey Jones, Captain of the ghostly Flying Dutchman. With time running out, Jack must find a way out of his debt or else be doomed to eternal damnation and servitude in the afterlife. And as if this weren't enough, the Captain's problems manage to wreck the wedding plans of a certain Will Turner and Elizabeth Swann, who are forced to join Jack on yet another misadventure. 145 min

Movies are shown at the Community Center as the Beale Bijou undergoes renovations. Evening movies play at 6 p.m. unless otherwise specified.

The cost is free.



Safety first

Robbie Bianchi, Outdoor Adventure Center, demonstrates proper winter sport safety tips at the Beale Safety Day Fair Friday at the Community Center. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Robert Biermann)

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Motorcycle safety: staying safe on two wheels

By Airman 1st Class George Cloutier 9th RW Public Affairs

With the Secretary of the Air Force's new safety directive of reducing mishaps by 75 percent, Airmen everywhere are being asked to look at safety in a new light.

One of the subjects that has been the cause for much safety concern consistently over the years is motorcycles.

Every year, numerous Airmen are taken out of the fight due to motorcycle accidents, most of which are later deemed preventable.

"The safety office is considering new guidelines and regulations to ensure the safety of Beale riders," said Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Pratt, 9th Reconnaissance Wing ground safety specialist. "Though these new regulations will help keep Airmen safe, it's still up to the individual to take safety seriously and keep themselves safe."

Beale motorcyclists are already required to meet a number of safety requirements before riding on base.

"The Motorcycle Safety Foundation Motorcycle Safety course is mandatory for all base Airmen riding on base," Sergeant Pratt said. "The course teaches essential riding skills and can also be used to obtain one's motorcycle license after they have obtained their learner's permit. The course is free to Beale Airmen, and is offered at Yuba College."

Before riding on base, prospective riders must attend a one-on-one interview with their squadron commander.

"To reduce the rate of motorcycle mishaps, we ask squadron commanders to convince our members to obey the law and maintain high standards of conduct and self-discipline while riding motorcycles," said Sergeant Pratt. "As a minimum, this counseling covers standards of conduct, professional behavior and proper protective equipment requirements. Commanders are also asked to emphasize motorcycle rider self-discipline, responsibility and personal

risk management."

Another safety measure base riders are required to meet is that of wearing the proper personal protective equipment, which consists of helmet, eye protection, long sleeved outer garment and pants, sturdy footwear and gloves. Outer garments must be of a bright and contrasting color during the day, while at night a reflective vest must be worn.

For riders who are interested in an active approach to motorcycle safety, the Green Knights motorcycle club offers membership to all base riders.

"The Green Knights is open to active duty, family members, Department of Defense employees, contractors and all members of the Beale community," said Stacey Brown, Green Knights Beale chapter president. "We want to bring all riders together and provide a source for mentoring for new riders and also for experienced riders newly assigned here."

For more information on the Green Knights, contact Mr. Brown at 634-0603.



Stacey Brown, lead motorcycle safety course instructor, instructs Master Sgt. Keith Resseguie, Detachment 2, 53rd Training Squadron Testing and Evaluation Group, on proper turns. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Robert Biermann)

AF meets '06 recruiting goal

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The Air Force exceeded its fiscal 2006 enlisted recruiting goal of 30,750 by assessing 30,888 men and women into active duty from Oct. 1, 2005, through Sept. 30, 2006.

Air Force Recruiting Service also was successful in recruiting line officers and chaplains, bringing in 485 line officers and 31 chaplains for 100 percent of the yearly goal.

Line officers include pilots, navigators and those in technical and non-technical fields who attend Officer Training School, which is one of three commissioning sources. The other commissioning sources are Air Force ROTC and the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

"Our recruiting team, like our new ad campaign says, truly did something amazing," said Brig. Gen. Suzanne Vautrinot, AFRS commander.

"The Air Force needed more than 30,000 new professionals in 150 career fields and we accomplished that 100-percent plus," the general said. "Our nation asked the Air Force to provide special skills to ensure pararescue, combat controllers, linguists and other technically and physically challenging areas were filled, and we did that. Our Air Force showcased extraordinary career opportunities and brought in amazing people to protect our great nation."

While the Air Force met its overall recruiting goal, the service continues to face the challenge of finding physicians, dentists and nurses to meet its health-professions requirements. The Air Force recruited 757 health professionals against a requirement of 1,382.

With the start of the new fiscal year, General Vautrinot emphasizes the Air Force still needs hundreds of doctors, dentists, nurses and pharmacists, as well as ground and airborne linguists. It also needs people to fill special-operations career fields such as pararescue and combat control.

The enlisted accessions goal for fiscal year 2007 is 27,760 new recruits, while the goal for line officers is 482, representing a reduction from 2006 due to continued forceshaping measures.



History: The U-2 'Dragon Lady' comes to Beale

By Dr. Coy Cross 9th RW Historian

Editor's note: This is the final part in in a four part series about Beale's history.

Beale AFB became home for the Air Force's other exotic high-altitude reconnaissance aircraft on July 1, 1976.

The U-2 "Dragon Lady" had been operational for 20 years and flown historic missions over the Soviet Union, China, Cuba and Southeast Asia. The U-2 first flew in 1955, but few Americans knew it existed until 1960.

On May 1, 1960 a Soviet surfaceto-air missile brought down Francis Gary Powers' U-2 over Sverdlovsk, an important industrial city deep within the Soviet Union. By then Central Intelligence Agency U-2s had already photographed many highly-classified missile and bomber bases throughout that country.

Although the United States ceased Soviet over flights after Powers' shoot down, the U-2 continued gathering vital information in other places.

In 1963, for example, the U-2 revealed and then confirmed the presence of offensive missiles in Cuba, leading to the United States and U.S.S.R. confrontation. The U-2 also documented the missile withdrawal after the crisis abated. The Dragon Lady was the perfect complement to the SR-71. The U-2's long glider-like wings and lightweight made it more fuel efficient than the newer aircraft.

The U-2 was slower, but its range without refueling allowed it to reach areas unavailable to the SR-71, and linger longer over the targets. While dissimilar in appearance, speed and range, the two aircraft shared a mission that created many overlapping requirements and made collocation a wise decision.

Fourteenth Air Division Commander Brig. Gen. Albert Melton, with Capt. Mike Lemmons in the back seat of the trainer, flew the first U-2 from Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., to Beale on July 12, 1976.

By Oct. 1, all the U-2s and the related equipment and people had arrived. The U-2s would need additional hangars, but most functions either moved into space vacated by the recently departed B-52s, or shared facilities with their SR-71 counterparts. For the next fourteen years, Beale would be home to two of the most "awesome" airplanes in the world.

In preparation for the "new" aircraft, the Air Force made several organizational changes at Beale. On September 30, 1975, the 456th Bomb Wing was inactivated and the 17th Bomb Wing replaced it. The wing's B-52s soon moved to other units and the 17th inactivated in September 1976. The 100th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing (which had been the U-2's parent organization) moved from Davis-Monthan and replaced the 17th as the air refueling wing at Beale.

Meanwhile Beale was about to get its most recognizable landmark and another unique mission. In June 1975 the Air Force announced it would build a new defense system on the east and west coasts. The Perimeter Acquisition Vehicle Entry Phased Array Weapons System (PAVEPAWS) radar would provide early detection and warning for submarine-launched missiles. Raytheon Corporation began construction in July 1976 on a 57-acre site on Lone Tree Hill overlooking the base. The 7th Missile Warning Squadron (now the Space Warning Squadron) activated on July 1, 1979, and began testing in December. Today, the 105foot tall PAVEPAWS facility presents an imposing appearance. Over five thousand tiny radar antennae cover the two west-facing walls of the triangular shaped structure. PAVEPAWS is often the first thing a visitor sees and is a daily reminder of the Air Force's constant vigilance.In the fifty years since the Beale Bombing and Gunnery Range became Beale Air Force Base, the mission here has constantly evolved. Whether it was B-52s providing nuclear deterrence, SR-71s flying strategic reconnaissance, U-2s relaying near-real-time battlefield reconnaissance to warfighters, KC-135s refueling fighters and bombers, or PAVEPAWS standing a constant watch, Beale has always been at the forefront of the nation's defense.

Now with Global Hawk coming to Beale, this trend will continue.

"What is your greatest pet peeve?"



Michelle Morey military spouse

"My greatest pet peeve is either a lack of customer service or people who do not use proper manners."



Staff Sgt. Eric Harris 9th Medical Operations **Squadron Aerospace Medical Technician**

"People who are mean and people who tend to be jerks."



Joan Saunders Commissary merchandiser

"Those individuals that never say, 'Thank peeve would have to be a you.' Not too many people do that anymore."



Tech. Sgt. Terrel Love 9th Services Squadron NCO-in-charge of lodging

"My greatest pet lack of customer courtesy. It's hard trying to assist a customer who is extremely irate with you while you are trying to make the situation right."



Senior Airman Kenneth **McCoy** 9th SVS cook

"People who can't follow the speed limit. Especially those who drive under it."



Crossovers defeat pipelines

A team of former sister service members crushed a team of pipeline Air Force members, 49 to 14, during a flag football game Friday at the O' Malley sports complex. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Robert Biermann)

9th CES marathon team wins '06 Viking Challenge



The 9th Civil Engineer Squadron took home the gold from the 2006 Viking Challenge held at Travis AFB on Sept. 16. (Courtesy photo)

By Airman 1st Class George Cloutier 9th RW Public Affairs

The 9th Civil Engineer Squadron took home the first place trophy at the 2006 Viking Challenge, which took place at Travis AFB, Calif. Sept. 16

Held this year at the Travis Fitness Track, Viking Challenge is a 12-hour, 10-person team, 1-mile relay continuous marathon held annually as a fundraiser benefiting the Fisher House located at Travis. The Travis Fisher House is a home away-from-home for military and veterans' families who have a family member hospitalized at David Grant USAF Medical Center - the second largest Air Force Hospital in the world.

"This year's event was comprised of 192 runners from 21 different teams and ran a grand total of 1,579 miles," said Capt. Richmond Lykins III, 570th Global Mobility Squadron, 2006 Viking Challenge Planning and Event coordinator. "Last year, we raised over \$10,700. We will definitely exceed that amount this year. The exact amount raised for this year will become available in the next few days as we continue to receive all the pledges."

The 9th CES has participated in the Viking Challenge for the past six years as the only non-Travis entry. This is the first year they have re-

turned home champions.

"We came very close to winning last year, but the 15th Air Mobility Operations Squadron team beat us by only four miles on the last hour during the 2005 Viking Challenge competition", said Senior Airman Ernesto Racoma, 9th CES marathon team leader.

"We were more prepared and trained this year," said Staff Sergeant Aaron Stern, assistant team leader of the 9th CES marathon team. "We picked the 10 best runners from our physical fitness program, organized a three-man support staff and arrived at Travis the night before the event."

After coming in second the year before, the CES team left with the determination to come back home winners the next time.

"Last year we were just one mile behind," Airman Racoma said. "We knew we were going to win this year. I even told my squadron that we were going to bring home the trophy."

After training over the past year and recruiting new members, the CES team was set up for success.

"We ran 100 miles in twelve hours," said 1st Lt. Tim Brodman, CES Viking Challenge team member. "We won by six miles. It felt spectacular to win."

The team currently has plans to return next year to participate in the challenge again.

DeCA celebrates 15 years of service, 140 years of history

By Dr. Peter Skirbunt Defense Commissary Agency historian

FORT LEE, Va. — The Defense Commissary Agency celebrated its 15th anniversary Oct. 1.

Congress and the Department of Defense created DeCA in 1991 by consolidating the military services' retail grocery operations into one organization.

"With sales of over \$5 billion, all 'at cost' to our customers, this agency continues to save taxpayer dollars while delivering a vital military benefit important to military family quality of life and the recruiting and retention of military personnel," said Patrick Nixon, DeCA Director

The word "DeCA" has become synonymous for leading change and achieving results. We're proud to have accomplished so much in our short lifetime as an agency, according to Mr. Nixon.

The commissary benefit itself is almost 140 years old.

In 1866, Congress authorized the Army to sell food items, at cost, to officers and enlisted men, starting July 1, 1867.

These sales were authorized at every Army post with a subsistence warehouse.

Sales areas were simply a table or counter in the warehouse, and the

official stock list was only 82 items.

Starting in the early years of the 20th century, commissaries have become similar to civilian grocery stores and supermarkets in terms of both layout and the number of items offered for sale.

In the last 15 years, store facilities have been further upgraded, more people have become eligible to enjoy the benefit, and customer savings have increased.

In 1991, commissaries provided average customer savings of 20 percent when compared with local grocery chains.

Today, the average savings are more than 30 percent.

With the funding of customer surcharge dollars, the agency has strived to provide military families with a shopping experience comparable to civilian sector stores.

Recently, DeCA has opened 86 new stores, remodeled or renovated 64 existing ones, and upgraded and modernized more than a hundred more.

In 2007, DeCA will open its "store of the future" — a prototype upon which facets of other stores will be modeled - at Naval Base San Diego.

The Congress-mandated surcharge has remained at 5 percent since 1983.

The number of items stocked by

commissaries has increased, from about 13,000 in the largest stores in 1991 to 17,000 in 2006.

National Guard and Reserve personnel, always key components of the military, were granted full-time commissary benefits in 2004.

In most commissaries, ID checks have been moved from the front door to the registers for the convenience of customers.

Other conveniences such as self-checkouts, sushi bars, hot foods, deli-bakeries, credit and debit card acceptance, gift certificates and much more have been added to modern commissaries.

"We're actively involved in our communities as well," Mr. Nixon said

"The Scholarships for Military Children, funded by manufacturers and brokers that sell groceries in commissaries, has awarded more than \$4 million and nearly 3,000 scholarships to military children, according to Mr. Nixon.

When natural disasters strike military installations, as happened last year when hurricanes Rita and Katrina hit Gulf Coast installations, commissaries provide crucial aid to military and civilian families in need of food and supplies.

When commissaries were severely damaged, temporary stores brought some sense of normality to

"Commissaries have become increasingly important in the military community."

Patrick Nixon, DeCA director

affected customers.

Commissaries provide a substantial savings, particularly in high-cost-of-living areas of the country, and overseas they provide a morale-boosting "taste of home" by providing familiar American food products.

"Commissaries have become increasingly important in the military community," Mr. Nixon said.

There is a growing recognition that the commissary benefit serves our people in uniform wherever they are stationed, according to Mr. Nixon.

"When forces deploy, the families left behind depend upon their local community services, including the commissaries, to see them through tough, lonely times," Mr. Nixon said.

The Defense Commissary Agency is ready to continue providing this highly valued military benefit for years to come.

Prevent cooking fires - watch what you heat

By 9th Civil Engineer Squadron fire department

Beale recognizes Fire Prevention Week Oct. 7 - 14. Fire Prevention Week marks the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire of Oct. 8 - 9, 1871. The historic blaze raged for several days and killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless and destroyed more than 17,000 buildings.

This year's theme for Fire Prevention week, "Prevent Cooking Fires, Watch What You Heat," focuses on the leading cause of home fires - cooking. Cooking is involved in more than 100,000 reported home fires each year, and most of those fires occur because of unattended cooking.

Most cooking fires start because people are not paying attention to

their cooking. Electric stoves have a higher risk of fire, injuries and property damage than gas stoves. Two thirds of stove fires start during the first 15 minutes of cooking. Here are a few kitchen safety tips:

- Remain in the kitchen when frying, grilling, broiling or boiling food.
- If leaving the kitchen is a must, turn off the stove.
- When simmering, baking or roasting food, check it regularly, stay in the home, and use a timer.
- If children are present use the stove's back burners whenever possible.
- When finished cooking, check to make sure that all the burners and the oven is turned off.
- If a small grease fire occurs, smother the flames by carefully sliding the lid or a chopping board

or cookie sheet that covers the entire surface of the pan, over the pan. Do not try to move the pan, let it sit until it has completely cooled.

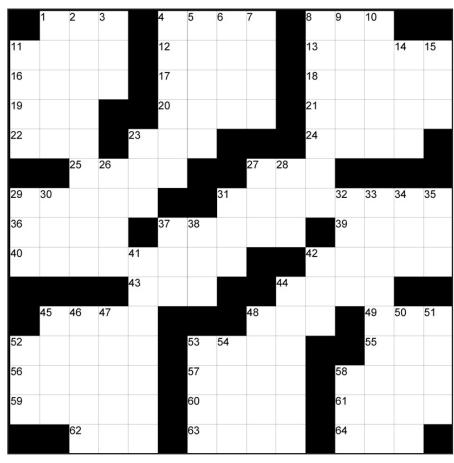
- If the fire does not go out, get out of the home and call the fire department at 9-1-1.
- Do not pour water on a grease

Now is a good time to go over basic protection. Practice a family escape plan. Include in the plan, two ways out of each room. Choose an outside meeting place like a tree or neighbor's home where everyone will meet. Test all the smoke detectors in the home at least once a month and ensure they are all in working order. Inspect fire extinguishers to ensure they are serviceable and readily accessible.

For more information, call 634-8677



to protect all Team Beale members, their families and their belongings. Fire Prevention Week allows fire fighters the opportunity to share their knowledge of fire prevention with others. (Photo by John Schwab)



By Captain Tony Wickman 71st Flying Training Wing Public

ACROSS

- 4. Performs 8. US cryptological org.
- Croft: Tomb Raider
- 13. Dr. Ellen __; first female His-
- panic astronaut 16. Taj Mahal site
- 17. Middle Eastern country
- 18. Swerves
- 19. US spy org.
- 20. PACAF exercise ___ Thun-
- 21. Legislate
- 22. Query
- 23. Snakelike fish
- 24. Queen of Sparta, mother to Helen
- 25. Singer Fitzgerald
- 27. State home to Dover AFB
- 29. Fencing swords
- 31. Maria __; Hispanic-American journalist on NPR and CNN
- 36. Gary __; Hispanic-American writer known for children books
- 37. Edward James __; Emmywinning Mexican-American actor 39. Musical instrument
- __; Hispanic-Ameri-40. Henry can appointed as HUD Secretary
- 42. Ledge

- 44. Heal
- 45. Helper, in brief
- 48. Glum
- 49. Bond writer Fleming
- 52. Ice or roller
- 53. Duo
- 55. Before, poetically
- 56. Steamed rice dish
- Crest
- and the King
- 59. Rudolfo __; award-winning
- Chicano writer
- 60. Fe on periodic table
- 61. Healed wound
- 62. Mil. telephone system
- 63. Night time host
- 64. Candy type

DOWN

- 1. USN ship defense system
- 2. Small slender parrots
- 3. Period
- 4. Dr. Victor : Hispanic-
- American humanist, educator
- 5. Actress Burnett
- Snare
- 7. Rational
- 8. First Hispanic person and first woman to be Surgeon General
- 9. Locale
- 10. Leading the race
- 11. Spec 4 John ____; Medal of Honor Recipient (1970)
- 14. Killer whale
- 15. Standard time in ninth time zone west of Greenwich, in brief

- 26. Tania __: Cuban-American conductor, composer, music di-
- 27. Classic rock singer Ronnie
- James 28. USN rank
- 29. Keyboard key
- 30. Hawaiian food made from
- 31. Beginning of UK naval ships
- _ Ruiz; first-ever Hispanic
- heavyweight champ
- 33. Compliance
- 34. Old French coin worth 12
- 35. USAF deployment set
- 37. Mining goal
- 38. One's fortune in life; fate
- 41. Gloria __; Grammy Award-
- winning Cuban-American singer
- 42. Embroider
- 44. Arturo : businessman and
- MLB's first-ever minority team
- 45. Comparable
- 46. Dish before dinner
- 47. Stops
- 48. Jose __; Hispanic-American dancer, choreographer, teacher
- Famous Cuban-American band leader and actor
- 51. Close
- 52. Health resort
- 53. Beach item
- 54. Farm measurement
- 58. Cleo killer

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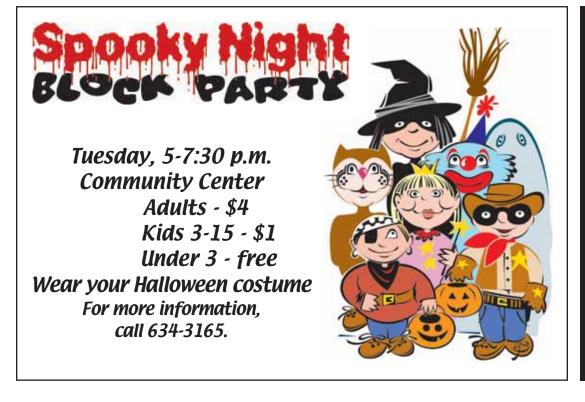


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An engergetic group of 17 golfers volunteered their time over a two-day period to cut out brush, weeds, tree limbs and other potential hazards at the Coyote Run Golf **Course**. "They just came out here to lend a hand, or a saw or a weed-whacker", Al Minors said on Wednesday. "I was quite impressed, they really got in and rolled up their sleeves and got down to work. By the looks of things they removed at least a couple hundred pounds of debris from here". TSgt Paul Curry said they just wanted to help, nothing more. "We saw that there were some things we could do without disrupting the flow of the staff and the patrons out on the course so we asked if we could lend a hand. Al thought it was a good idea and gave the go-ahead so we recruited others that we





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knew (17 volunteers in all) and did what we could do. We're pretty pleased with the results"

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9th Services Commander receives Major promotion

The new Services' Commander, **Vince Shelton**, pinned on his new oak leaves last Friday, 29 Oct at the Recce Point Club. The 9th Mission Support Group, Commander, Col John Borland officiated the ceremony and gave a wonderful speech about promotions. He talked about how significant this promotion was and how impressed he was with Major Shelton's accelerated career. Major Shelton was enlisted for 12 years and turned his six stripes into a gold bar, then two silver bars and now to a gold oak leaf cluster. Borland said, "It's not what you've done in the past, but what is expected in the future that matters most." Shelton's daughter, Jade, his cousin Teresa, his

sister, Shirley, and Mother, Bernice, pinned the first set, and his two brothers, Melvin and Shannon, pinned the second set. His family flew in from Florida and South Carolina for the ceremony. Also joining Shelton was long time friends, Capt Joan Newberne and Capt Dexter Appleberry. After being pinned, Major Shelton thanked



Shelton's family had the honors of pinning the gold oak leaf clusters to his dress uniform.

God and his family, saying, "They are the reasons why I'm here today." He also thanked Services and said, "I'm amazed of the quality of programs being offered through Beale Services, and it's my goal to put Beale Services on the map." After the formal procedures there was a celebration in the Coyote Pub & Grill with his family and friends.

The new Service Commander has many accomplishments; a Masters of Arts degree in Management from Webster University, a Bachelors of Science in Business Management from Lime Stone College in Gaffney South Carolina, and an Associates Degree in

Information Systems
Technology from the
community college of the Air
Force. With his determination
and accelerated career it's no
question that he will
accomplish his goal by
making Beale Services the
Best Services Squadron in the
Air Force. We've already

received 5 stars for the Harris Fitness Center and for the Outdoor Adventure Center and the Beale Youth Center's sports program was rated number one in all branches of the military garnering the National Excellence in Youth Sports Award." He continued unremittingly, "We're not only best in the west, but we're better than the rest!" He said, "With minor tweaks we can enhance our facilities by eliminating long lines, improving the quality of food and using our customer service guarantee." He intends to have all Service personnel sign a contract, promising a customer driven service. The promise acronym is SMILE; Smile, Make eye contact, Immediate greeting, Listen attentively and Exceed expectations. He said jokingly, "If we don't have it; you probably don't need

it!" He encourages customers to give their opinions by filling out an ICE comment card, located either in the facility or on the **www.bealeservices.com** web site. "I want to know the good, the bad and the down-right ugly." When asked why he chose to work for Services he replied, "I love what I do, I love making people smile." With that being said, be sure to keep a lookout for upcoming changes and let the Services' facilities know how they are doing.





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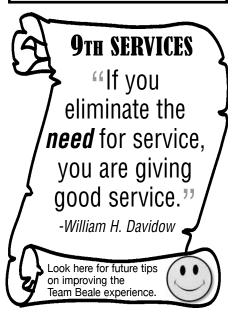
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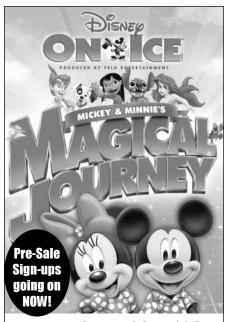
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- 1. Maj William Hanby, 8 OSS/OSA, 20:33
- 2. M TSgt Delacruz Pedro, 9 MSG/CCEA, 21:06
- 3. SSgt James Johnson, 9 LRS/LGRFIS, 21:56
- 4. SSgt Sheridan Conklin, 9 SFS/SFTRM, 23:26
- 5. A1C Pierce Erickson, 9 SFS/CSS, 23:45

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